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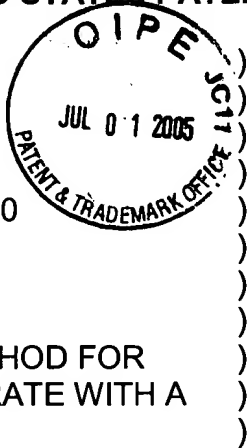
In re Application of:

Ward K. FRYE et al.

Application No.: 09/848,270

Filed: May 4, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
FILLING A SUBSTRATE WITH A
LIQUID SAMPLE



Group Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: L. Alexander

Confirmation No.: 7288

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEWS

On March 31, 2005 and May 20, 2005, Applicants' representative conducted telephone interviews with the Examiner (Mr. Lyle A. Alexander). Applicants wish to take this opportunity to thank the Examiner for granting those interviews. Applicants file this Statements which set forth the substance of those interviews in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 713.04, ed. 8, rev. 1 (Feb. 2003).

During the March 31, 2005 interview, Applicants' representative presented remarks explaining why the rejection outstanding in the February 1, 2005 final Office Action should be withdrawn. As reflected in the Interview Summary mailed with the Notice of Allowability dated April 5, 2005, the Examiner agreed that claims 54-56 define over the art of record and are in condition for allowance. In addition, Applicants'

representative authorized cancellation of claims 39-53. No other issues were discussed during this interview.

During the May 20, 2005 interview, Applicants' representative requested that the Examiner forward initialed copies of the Form PTO-1449 previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements filed on January 8, 2002 and May 4, 2001, which would serve as an acknowledgement that the Examiner has considered the documents listed therein. Applicants' representative also submitted courtesy copies of the listed documents. As reflected in the Interview Summary mailed with the Supplemental Notice of Allowance dated June 22, 2005, the Examiner agreed to forward signed copies of those Form PTO-1449s. No other issues were discussed during this interview.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this statement and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 1, 2005

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